

## **Element Performance Inspection (EPI)**

### **3.1.6 Exit Seating Program (OP)**

#### **Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility):**

To ensure exit seats are occupied only by passengers that are qualified, able, and willing to assist during emergency evacuations.

#### **Objective (FAA responsibility):**

To determine if the Air Carrier adheres to its approved Exit Seating Program.

#### **Specific Instructions for this EPI:**

To accomplish this EPI, the inspector will observe the screening of passengers for exit seats. To complete the Master record of this EPI, the ASI will have to observe the exit row seating process at check-in, during boarding, and on board the aircraft.

**Task 4.** Appropriate personnel are gate agents, flight attendants, Complaints Resolution Official, etc.

#### **Related EPIs:**

- 3.1.1 Passenger Handling (OP)
- 3.1.2 Flight Attendant Duties / Cabin Procedures (OP)

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*To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks (at the inspection locations where applicable):*

1. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (SRR) included in the supplemental information section of this EPI.
2. Review the associated SAI, with emphasis on the Controls Attribute section.
3. Review the Manuals related to the Exit Seating Program.
4. Interview the appropriate personnel.
5. Observe and assess the results of the Exit Seating Program.

*To meet this objective, the inspector will answer the following questions:*

1. Were the following performance measures met:

*1.1 Passengers were screened to ensure they were qualified to occupy an exit seat in accordance with the Air Carrier's approved Exit Seating Program.*

☐ YES      If no, explain:  
☐ NO

*1.2 A flight or cabin crewmember has verified that only passengers willing and able to assist in an emergency evacuation occupy exit seats during taxi, takeoff, and landing.*

☐ YES      If no, explain:  
☐ NO

*1.3 The published Exit Seating information was available at all gates and ticket counters.*

☐ YES      If no, explain:  
☐ NO

*1.4 Cards containing required Exit Seating information were available at each exit seat.*

☐ YES      If no, explain:  
☐ NO

*1.5 The required Exit Seating announcement was made in accordance with the Air Carrier's approved Exit Seating Program.*

☐ YES      If no, explain:  
☐ NO

2. Were the Air Carrier's Exit Seating procedures followed?

☐ YES      If no, explain:  
☐ NO

3. Were the Air Carrier's Exit Seating controls followed?

☐ YES      If no, explain:  
☐ NO

4. <Deleted>

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**SRRs:**

- 14 CFR 121.585 (a, c, d-i, k-o), “Exit Seating.”

**Other CFRs and FAA Guidance**

- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 15, Sect. 3, Par. 2151, “Exit Seating Program.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 15, Sect. 3, Fig. 3.15.3.1, “Exit Seating Program Job Aid.”
- HBAT 01-02, “Air Carrier Exit Seating Program Development.”
- Federal Register, 57 FR, “Exit Seating.” Vol. 57, No. 208; Oct. 27, 1992.
- Refer to Advisory Circulars using a search engine (such as ATP Navigator or Summit).